

18. A process as claimed in claim 15 wherein the ester compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula (2) is a bromoacetic acid ester, a malonic acid ester, a 2-methylmalonic acid ester, a 2-fluoromalonic acid ester, a 2-methylacetoacetic acid ester or a cyclohexan-2-on-1-carboxylic acid ester.

19. A process as claimed in claim 15 wherein the copper compound is a cuprous bromide dimethylsulfide complex.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT

Lines 2 and 3; change "[1]" to --(1)--.

Lines 8 and 9; change "[2]" to --(2)--.

Lines 8 and 33; delete "general".

Lines 2 and 3 from the end; change "[3]" to --(3)--.

#### REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this amendment prior to examination to make some corrections in the Specification, Claims and Abstract.

The brackets which have been used throughout the application have been replaced with paranthesis, since brackets usually indicated that the material contained therein is to be deleted.

The claims have been replaced with new claims 15-19 which correspond to old claims 2, 4-6 and 17 in the parent application.

In view of the fact that the entry of this amendment does not constitute the addition of any new matter to the application and should, in fact, facilitate its prosecution, it is respectfully requested that the amendment be entered and the designated changes made.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington,

D. C. 20231, on October 21, 1998

**BURGESS RYAN AND WAYNE**

**By:** M. J. Wayne

**Date:** October 21, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

BURGESS, RYAN AND WAYNE

*M. J. Wayne*

Milton J. Wayne  
Reg. No. 17,906  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017

(212) 683-8150

MJW/WRM/mg